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CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE

JUNE 2005

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June 5 - 7, 2005



(OAS) CONFERENCE

17th Street Area

Alternative Routing

The Organization of American States (OAS), a global organization that brings together the countries of the Western Hemisphere to strengthen cooperation and advance common interests, will conduct its 35th General Assembly in Fort Lauderdale from June 5 to 7, 2005 at the Broward County Convention Center. The OAS General Assembly will be taking place in a U.S. City for the first time since 1974. The conference will feature the participation of as many as 34 foreign ministers and dignitaries and will be hosted by U.S. Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice.

Security in and around the Broward County Convention Center will be heightened during the event to ensure the safety of residents and conference attendees. Several local, county, state and federal governmental law enforcement entities are coordinating security for this high profile event. All considerations are being taken into account; especially the impact security arrangements will have on the residents and business owners around the Convention Center area.

17th Street Bridge Closed June 3 - 8, 2005

The conference may draw protestors and law enforcement is developing contingency plans to ensure public safety around the Convention Center area. is maintained. Pursuant to Supreme Court rulings, demonstrators must be accommodated within "sight and sound" of the conference. Regardless of final security plans, residents and businesses in the Convention Center area can be assured that emergency services will not be interrupted during the conference.

The 17th Street Causeway Bridge over the Intracoastal Waterway in Fort Lauderdale will be closed to all land traffic, including bicycles and pedestrians, beginning at 8 p.m., Friday, June 3, Florida Department of Transportation officials report. 17th Street, west of the bridge, and A1A, east of the bridge, will remain open to local traffic for access to businesses and residences. City of Fort Lauderdale Police will direct traffic in those areas and motorists should expect delays. The alternate routes should be utilized by residents, businesses, employees, vendors, delivery services, and customers (including hotel guests).

During the closure, through traffic destined for and departing from the Fort Lauderdale Beach area will be detoured on US 1 and A1A to Las Olas Boulevard and Sunrise Boulevard bridges. The 17th Street Bridge is expected to reopen to traffic by noon, Wednesday, June 8.

For further information about this closure please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale's Public Information Office by phone at 954-828-4645.

The City of Fort Lauderdale is coordinating a public outreach effort to inform the community of security plans, including any road and bridge closures and traffic re-routing, which may be necessary. Please visit the following websites for additional information and updates:

City of Fort Lauderdale - www.fortlauderdale.gov
OAS Safety and Security - www.OASsecurity.org
Organization of American States - www.OAS.org

Join Our Winning Team

Job Expo 2005

Hot Jobs... Cool Benefits... The City of Fort Lauderdale has got them both! Now you have a chance to be a part of our winning team. Join the City of Fort Lauderdale Human Resources Department as it hosts Job Expo 2005. This free event will take place on **Thursday, June 23 from 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. at War Memorial Auditorium**, located at 800 N.E. 8 Street in Holiday Park. The event is free and the public is invited and encouraged to attend.

Job Expo 2005 will provide prospective employees with an opportunity to learn about career opportunities with the City. The event will be presented in an open house format. Job seekers may attend at any time between 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. A variety of City departments will be participating in the job fair to recruit for current vacancies, as well as vacancies that are expected to be available in the near future. Staff members will be on hand to provide information and answer questions.

The City currently has a variety of openings for positions including architect, building inspector, municipal maintenance

DATE: THURSDAY, JUNE 23
TIME: 9:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M.
WAR MEMORIAL AUDITORIUM

worker, police officer, engineer, park ranger, paramedic/firefighter, pool lifeguard, recreation

programmer, and a number of other administrative, clerical, management and professional opportunities.

So, get ready to pull out your best navy blue suit, shine your shoes, dust off your resume and head over to War Memorial Auditorium for the City of Fort Lauderdale Job Expo on June 23. It might just be the best career move you've ever made!

In addition to the Job Expo, the City of Fort Lauderdale's Human Resources Department recently launched a new Online Employment Application System. This new system allows job seekers to view employment opportunities and complete and submit the employment application securely online from any computer with Internet access. The system uses secure, verified SSL encryption to keep personal information safe.

For a complete list of employment opportunities with the City of Fort Lauderdale, or to apply for a job online, please visit our website at www.fortlauderdale.gov/jobs/.



Your Career... Your City!

Hot Jobs

- Communications Manager
- Police Officer
- Engineer
- Park Ranger
- Pool Lifeguard
- Painter (Maintenance)
- Landscape Architect
- Architect

Cool Benefits

- Excellent Salary
- Health Insurance
- Pension
- Paid Vacation



For a complete job list, call (954) 828-5300, go to www.fortlauderdale.gov or visit the City of Fort Lauderdale Human Resources Dept. at 100 N. Andrews Ave., Third Floor

Parks and Recreation

Take the Plunge Into Summer

The City of Fort Lauderdale - Parks & Recreation Departments 2005 Guide to Summer Camps & Swimming Programs

HOLIDAY PARK SPORTS AND FITNESS CAMP (JUNE 13 - JULY 22)

Be fit and have fun! Let us motivate your kids to get out and participate in safe, supervised physical activities. Your kids will enjoy their summer while learning the fundamental skills of several different sports. The Holiday Park Sports and Fitness Camp, for residents only, is a six-week program with hours of fun and fitness for your children. For more information, call 954-828-5411.



NFL JUNIOR PLAYER DEVELOPMENT FOOTBALL CAMP (JUNE 13 - 18)

The NFL and City of Fort Lauderdale have partnered to provide a unique football experience for youths. The Junior Player Development program will teach girls and boys, ages 12 - 14, the fundamentals of all field positions to gain the full experience and understanding of the game. This program incorporates football instruction and skill development in a structured and controlled environment. Mike Timpson, former NFL player and High School coach, will conduct this one-week camp.

BRITISH SOCCER CAMP (AUGUST 1 - 5)

Learn to play soccer the British way! The British Soccer Camp will teach your children the age appropriate fundamental skills of soccer in a fun and organized setting. For more information, call 954-828-5383.



YOUTH BASKETBALL (JUNE 4 - JULY 23)

The Youth Basketball Program is designed for boys and girls ages 6 - 14 years old. The basis of the program is to teach the fundamental skills of basketball, while developing motor skills, teamwork, sportsmanship and providing social interaction. This program will consist of eight weeks of game play, uniform and trophy. For more information, call 954-828-5993.



CARTER PARK TENNIS CAMP (JULY 25 - 29)

Carter Park's Tennis Camp offers quality tennis instruction for all skill levels. Campers will learn strokes, movement, strategy and techniques. Coaches will emphasize proper tennis etiquette, rules and scoring in a fun, recreational environment. Space is limited so register early. For more information, call 954-828-5411.

SWIMMING AND WATER FUN

The City of Fort Lauderdale Parks and Recreation Department encourages everyone to learn to swim because it saves lives. Water is fun and can provide a lifetime of enjoyment. The City follows the American Red Cross Learn to Swim Program, which teaches aquatic and safety skills in a logical progression. Children will receive American Red

Cross certificates for their achievement each time they are able to meet the requirements for their enrolled skill level.



TO LEARN MORE ABOUT THE MANY SUMMER CAMPS AND SWIMMING PROGRAMS CONDUCTED BY THE CITY OF FORT LAUDERDALE PARKS AND RECREATION DEPARTMENT CALL 954-828-PARK (7275), OR DOWNLOAD THE COMPLETE BROCHURE AT [HTTP://FORTLAUDERDALE.GOV/LIFE/SUMMER05.PDF](http://fortlauderdale.gov/life/summer05.pdf)

The NEAT Program

A Huge Success

NEAT NEIGHBORHOODS ENHANCE CITY

Fort Lauderdale recently wrapped up the NEAT (Neighborhood Enhancement Action Team) program, a cooperative effort between the City and local neighborhoods to improve quality of life and enhance the community.

The NEAT program featured a number of initiatives designed to educate, inform and provide residents with the resources and support necessary to maintain and improve the appearance of their properties.

The City hosted community events featuring giveaways of free trees and paint, recycling activities, entertainment and demonstrations by the Police and Fire-Rescue Departments. More than 1,800 gallons of paint and 700 trees were distributed to help residents enhance their properties, and close to 100 cubic yards of trash and debris were collected in dumpsters placed throughout the neighborhoods. In addition, more than 10,000 newsletters were mailed to inform residents about the NEAT program and educate them about how to report illegal dumping, remove illegally parked or abandoned vehicles, and apply for grants to bring their properties up to code. The city has awarded close to \$30,000 in grants to repair homes.



The City cited 1,336 properties for code violations such as trash, disabled vehicles and improper maintenance including unkept landscaping, paint, fencing, and house numbers. More than 85% of the properties cited have corrected their violations without any fines being assessed and are now in compliance. The NEAT program also included enhanced police activity to address crime.

The NEAT program's value can be seen in the visible changes that have taken place in the Dorsey Riverbend, Durrs and Home Beautiful neighborhoods. Homes and buildings have been painted; fences have been repaired; junked cars have been removed; broken windows have been fixed; landscaping has been improved and house numbers have been posted. More importantly, the NEAT program has helped change the way people think about and perceive their community.

The City remains committed to working with its neighborhoods and residents to address challenges, enhance quality of life, and create a better future for the people of Fort Lauderdale.

City Launches Public Affairs Television Show

"Inside Fort Lauderdale"

The City of Fort Lauderdale Public Information Department has launched a public affairs television show called "Inside Fort Lauderdale". The show is being produced by the Hallandale High School Communication Arts Magnet Program on Comcast Cable Channel 78. Students produce the show at their own television studio located at the school. The City provides the hosts, guests and program content and the students gain valuable, hands-on experience directing and producing a show that is taped live. "Inside Fort Lauderdale" features current topics, issues, programs and activities in Fort Lauderdale.

Clean City Tips

for Hurricane Season

Tip #1

Know your regular trash, bulk and recycling pick-up schedules. You can view a copy of the Bulk Trash map online at www.fortlauderdale.gov or contact the City of Fort Lauderdale's 24-hour Customer Service Center at 954-828-8000. Only a state of emergency, declared by the City Manager, will interrupt the sanitation schedule. Once a Hurricane Warning is issued all sanitation services will cease.

Tip #2

Garbage, recycling and bulk trash pick-up services are suspended during a storm. Do not place bulk trash on the curb during an approaching storm since service may be discontinued. Secure all carts and recycling bins in an enclosed area away from high winds or tie them down securely. The City of Fort Lauderdale asks residents to be prepared for an adjustment to their regular pick-up schedule after a hurricane, which may result in a missed pick-up.

Tip #3

Take advantage of the City's yard waste disposal program and get properties hurricane ready. Assessing your property to ensure landscaping and trees do not become a wind hazard is a critical step. Taking action when a Hurricane Watch or Warning has been issued is too late. City Sanitation Services are suspended during a storm, including yard waste pick-up. Branches, tree limbs and trimmings left behind because of delayed tree trimming could become dangerous missiles if picked up by the wind. Trees should be trimmed and pruned well before the threat of a major storm. Trees with thick canopies or thick vines will act like an umbrella because they can catch and hold the wind. As a result, the trees can become uprooted and pose a safety hazard to property, power lines and cars. Dead trees should also be removed as they can also become uprooted. Dead wood and overhanging branches should be removed and nuts of all sizes and dead palm fronds should be removed from coconut palms.

Tip #4 - For Contractors Only

The City of Fort Lauderdale has retained the services of Crowder/Gulf Joint Venture for emergency debris management. Local contractors seeking post-storm debris hauling and clean up work are encouraged to contact Crowder/Gulf Joint Venture at: Phone: 1-800-992-6207, Fax 334-654-0470 or Email: jramsay@crowdergulf.com

Help Beautify Our Community

GRANTS AVAILABLE TO NEIGHBORHOOD AND BUSINESS ASSOCIATIONS TO HELP SPRUCE UP CITY

The Neighborhood Capital Improvement Program (NCIP) and Neighborhood Capital Improvement Grant Program (NCIGP) have kicked-off the 2005-2006 fiscal year grant cycle.

Now through July 28, neighborhoods are encouraged to apply for up to \$35,000 of matching grant funds for the construction of capital improvements that will help beautify neighborhoods and enhance overall quality of life.

Grants are also available to business associations through the Business Capital Improvement Program (BCIP) and Business Capital Improvement Grant Program (BCIGP). Business associations may apply for matching grants of up to \$25,000 to fund capital improvement projects that will enhance the appearance of the City's business and commercial areas.

Examples of projects that have been completed with the help of NCIP or BCIP funding include entranceway monuments, guardhouses, signage, streetscapes, decorative lighting, sidewalks, curbing and brick paver crosswalks.

NCIP and BCIP applications are available by calling the City's Neighborhood Services Office at 954-828-6656. Applications may also be downloaded from the City's website at www.fortlauderdale.gov. Completed applications must be received by the City of Fort Lauderdale Engineering and Architectural Bureau, 100 N. Andrews Avenue, 5th Floor, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301, no later than 4:30 p.m. Thursday, July 28, 2005.

For more information about the NCIP and BCIP grant programs, contact Jeri Pryor at 954-828-6656.



A Message From Our Mayor... Jim Naugle



THE IMPORTANCE OF HURRICANE PREPAREDNESS

The 2004 hurricane season brought severe devastation to many parts of Florida. Fortunately, the City of Fort Lauderdale was spared, but more importantly, we were prepared. Our Emergency Operations Center (EOC), activated twice last year, was home base for City staff for many days when the threat of a hurricane loomed. We were ready, willing and able to respond to the needs of our residents. Now, we are faced with yet another hurricane season, which begins June 1st and ends November 30th, and again we are prepared. Are you?

Dr. William Gray from the Department of Atmospheric Science at Colorado State University has predicted 13 named tropical storms for 2005, seven of which are predicted to become hurricanes. Three of those seven hurricanes are predicted to be "major storms" with winds of more than 111 miles per hour (Category 3 storms).

The most important thing you can do to survive a hurricane is prepare, and if you haven't started doing so, the time is now! Remember, a hurricane does not have to directly hit our City to create severe damage and flooding.

For the next several months, you will be inundated with hurricane preparedness messages, and I encourage you to follow the tips provided. However, the key message I want to deliver to you is - Don't wait - Evacuate! Fort Lauderdale is a coastal city, with many residences in a storm surge's path. Although it is very hard to leave your home behind, it can be replaced. You can't.

The City of Fort Lauderdale website (www.fortlauderdale.gov) provides vital tips on how to plan, stock up and prepare for hurricane season. It also provides links to various organizations for important information for evacuation, special needs and local shelters.

Here are a few additional tips I'd like to share to help you, your family and neighbors ride out hurricane season safely:

1. Learn about the emergency plans for your children's school or day care center. Also, teach your children how and when to call 911.
2. Research options for assistance with elderly or disabled individuals now.
3. Develop a family disaster plan that includes plans for before, during and after a storm, as well as a pre-planned evacuation route.
4. Prepare a disaster supply kit (visit www.fortlauderdale.gov/fire-rescue/dpemb/dpemb.htm for a checklist).
5. Secure valuable documents in a waterproof container. Be familiar with your insurance coverage. If you need to update your policy, now is the time.

FOCUS ON NEWS & NOTES

Tune Your Radio Dial to 1610 AM for City Information

The City of Fort Lauderdale's Public Information Radio Station, located at 1610 AM on the radio dial, provides public service announcements and updates about City programs, traffic and transportation, parking, boating, parks and recreation, public services, utilities, festivals, special events and more. In the event of an emergency, the station will provide the public with critical safety and security updates.

Residents and visitors in the City of Fort Lauderdale are encouraged to tune in to 1610 AM, which is part of the Highway Advisory Radio System (HARS), to hear updates and advisories 24 hours a day, seven days a week. For more information about 1610 AM, please contact the City of Fort Lauderdale Public Information Department at 954-828-4746 or visit www.fortlauderdale.gov.

Sign Up to Receive City Newsletters Via E-mail

Now you can sign up to receive important City information and notices by email. Just log on, www.fortlauderdale.gov, and select "Get City Newsletters" from the "I Want To..." menu to the right of the page. This service is free and secure, so sign up today.

CITY COMMISSION MEETINGS & EVENTS

May 30: Memorial Day Holiday (City Offices Closed)

June 7: City Commission Conference Meeting - 1:30 p.m.
City Commission Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

June 11: Broward Beautiful 17th Annual Reef & Beach Cleanup

June 14: Flag Day
Fort Lauderdale Civic Associates

June 21: City Commission Conference Meeting - 1:30 p.m.
City Commission Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.

July 4: Independence Day Holiday (City Offices Closed)
Fireworks Celebration - Fort Lauderdale Beach

July 6: City Commission Conference Meeting - 1:30 p.m.
8th Floor City Hall

City Commission Regular Meeting - 6:00 p.m.
1st Floor City Hall

July 12: Council of Fort Lauderdale Civic Associates - 7:30 p.m.
8th Floor City Hall

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